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25X1 7. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the meetings of 21 and 22 April with Mr. Hebert and members of the House Armed Services Committee concerning intelligence monies [] 25X1

25X1 [] Mr. Preston commented that the tenor of the meetings in his opinion reflect the growing mood of the House of Representatives. We may well see drastic cuts this year in Defense Department support for free world forces.

25X1 8. [] Talked to Mr. George C. Denney, INR, and Mr. John Leahy, Legislative Liaison, Department of State, about the Ervin Bill. Mr. Leahy plans to meet with Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff people the first of the week. The State Department representative who will testify before the Subcommittee on 27 May will probably be Mr. Howard Mace, Deputy Director of Personnel. Mr. Leahy will keep us advised.

25X1 9. [] Talked to Mr. Wayne Birdsall, Secretary to the reporting firm Ward & Paul, and made the necessary arrangements for the secure handling of the transcripts for the Director's briefing of the Church Subcommittee on 5 May.

25X1 10. [] Mrs. A. G. Schultz, in the office of Representative Edward Hutchinson (R., Mich.), called in connection with the Representative's interest in the FBIS area books. It was agreed that we would send the Representative several of the area books on a trial basis so that he can determine his interest in receiving them on a regular basis. FBIS will send the Latin America, Asia and Pacific, and Communist China Daily Reports to Mr. Hutchinson's office for a one week period and Mrs. Schultz will let us know the result.

25X1 11. [] In response to his interest in Agency views on the Ervin bill, I hand-carried to Vince Rakestraw, on the staff of Senator William B. Saxbe (R., Ohio), a copy of our briefing package on this.

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25X1 8. [] Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who gave me a copy of the tentative hearing schedule on investigation of privacy legislation. Hearings are tentatively scheduled for 11 May through 27 May with Chairman Robert Hampton, of the Civil Service Commission, confirmed for 12 May. It is Mr. Barton's present opinion that Chairman Hampton will be the principal Administration witness. He is attempting, however, to schedule also a representative from the Department of Defense for the same date, 12 May; Justice for 13 May; and State Department for 27 May. In keeping with this Agency's letter to Chairman Hanley requesting a meeting with him, any questions of Agency appearance will await the outcome of that meeting. Chairman Hanley is out of the country until 3 May but it is Mr. Barton's hope that Chairman Hanley will schedule an Agency meeting with him as soon as possible after his return.

In response to my question, Mr. Barton told me that if it should be necessary for the Agency to appear and testify in order to gain full exemption from the pending legislation, Committee rules would require approval of the full Committee for hearings in executive session by the Subcommittee. Such approval could not be obtained before the full Committee meeting the week of 12 May. I thanked Mr. Barton for his advice.

25X1 9. [] Met with Mr. Tim Glidden, Legislative Assistant to Representative Harold Runnels (D., N. Mex.), member of House Armed Services Committee, who told me that the Representative was hospitalized at Bethesda as a result of a bug he picked up on his trip to Vietnam. His staff is in hopes that medical checks will not indicate anything serious. Representative Runnels had requested additional information on the SS-9 during the Director's briefing of House Armed Services Committee.

25X1 10. [] Personnel, called to alert us to the 25X1A fact that Representative Clarence Long (D., Md.) has been in touch with the Bureau of Employees' Compensation by telephone concerning the case of [] [], a former Agency employee who suffered a heart attack some time after resigning from the Agency. No action is required by this office. 25X1A

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1. [] After conversation with []
[], OPPB, I told Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, that the item on eight Marine details listed in the military justification paper which he mentioned on Tuesday is in error. The correct number for FY 1972 is four not including the DDCI who is a Presidential appointee. I told Mr. Preston that in any event we do not want the item published if it can be avoided. He thanked me for the advice.

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2. [] Talked to Mr. [] General Counsel, NSA, who told me that Admiral Gayler, Director, NSA, met with Chairman Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, this morning and found him apparently receptive. Chairman Hanley accepted an invitation to NSA probably after he returns from a trip out of the country which will take him away from Washington from 23 April to 3 May. [] told me that he learned separately that Chairman Hanley intends at this time to schedule hearings on "Ervin bill legislation" starting around 11 May and running through 30 May. I thanked [] for the information.

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3. [] Following up on my conversation with Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, I called Jack Leahy, of Abshire's office, to say that we were considering a response to Senator McGovern's inquiry about U.S. knowledge of and involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia, and would like to coordinate our action with whatever action the Department is taking in response to a similar inquiry to them. Leahy said he was unaware of the McGovern letter but would look into it and let us know how they plan to handle it.

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4. [] Called Representative Ogden Reid (R., N. Y.) and arranged for Mr. [] Deputy SAVA, to brief Mr. Reid at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon in response to Mr. Reid's inquiry to the Director yesterday regarding the Phoenix program.

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5. [] This afternoon, I discussed with Chairman F. Edward Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, and Assistant Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek, the problem of Representative Charles Bennett's desire to get on the public record a denial of allegations that the Agency had been involved in assassinations. I told Mr. Hebert of my conversation with Mr. Bennett and of the Director's feeling that at least the Agency should take no initiative in the matter. I said I planned to report this to Mr. Bennett with the comment that we would defer to the Committee as to whether they thought any action was called for. Mr. Hebert said he definitely agreed with us that nothing would be gained by an effort to refute the rumors in question, and he would take this position with Mr. Bennett if queried.

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6. [] Met with Mr. John Martiny, Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that he has not yet met with Mr. Victor Smiroldo, of the Committee staff, to discuss the hearings planned by Representative Hanley on the question of protection of constitutional rights of Federal employees. Mr. Martiny stated that he does not see that anything would be accomplished by having Agency witnesses appear before the Hanley Subcommittee on Employee Benefits at this time since we have given extensive testimony on the previous bill and the Subcommittee hearings are scheduled as open hearings. Being open hearings, the Agency would be limited in the arguments it could present on its own behalf. This, of course, is a matter to be discussed with Mr. Hanley after Martiny and Smiroldo have gotten their heads together. Separately, Martiny noted that he will raise the general question of Agency interest in this legislation with the Chairman of the full Committee (Representative Dulski) and find out when Mr. Dulski would want us to meet with him.

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25X1 5. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on Soviet ICBM deployment, ABM developments; ChiCom nuclear facilities; surface-to-air installations in Egypt; and Soviet "Salyut" launch.

I explained to Woodruff our plans for a solution to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. He said he could not predict Senator Ellender's reaction to such a proposal, but at least initially it would probably be unfavorable. Woodruff offered his personal advice that the Agency should not use up its limited capital with Senator Ellender in order to save the Radios--that we 'might need it more later.'

25X1 6. [] Talked to Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said they would like to schedule the Director to appear before Senator Frank Church's Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs to discuss U.S. policies and programs in Brazil on Tuesday or Wednesday, 4 or 5 May. Holt said that they would particularly like to make sure that [] is "in the vicinity." He said he considered [] the out-
25X1A standing U.S. expert on Brazil and even if he didn't actually testify the Subcommittee would like to have him available so the Director could refer questions to him if he so desired. I told Holt we wanted to be helpful but this was something we just couldn't do. As an alternative, I suggested he provide us with questions before the hearing on which we would be sure to get the benefit of any input [] could provide before appearing. Holt
25X1A said he thought this might work if we would be sure our answers to these questions were in no way coordinated with State or Defense. I said he could be sure our answers would be our own. He said he would try to get the Committee's approval in arranging this but could not make any commitment in advance.

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25X1 7. [] Called John Martiny, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, to say that we had sent over a letter to Chairman Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, indicating our concern about legislation before his Subcommittee similar to the Ervin bill and suggesting that he note this letter and let us know when it would be possible for us to meet with him (Martiny) and Chairman Hanley to discuss our problem in more detail. He said hearings were already scheduled and he would be in touch with us shortly.

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